

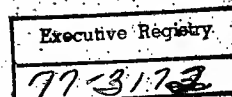
Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

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Mr. George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

This is to express my congratulations on the first-rate job you have done during your tenure as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

In the course of the past five years I have had an unusually good vantage point to observe the troubles of the Agency - its involvement with Watergate, the change in press treatment, the leaks, the sharply increased congressional involvement, the lower morale. Accordingly, as you may know, I had reservations about the appointment of a man, who, notwithstanding his wide range of achievements, also was a man who had been a political party chairman.

I am pleased to admit, - indeed, assert - that you handled the job in a thoroughly professional manner, as free from political considerations as possible. And you did it at a critical time for the Agency, when the intelligence community, the public, and the Congress all needed a boost in confidence.

Please accept my appreciation, then, for your performance. I enjoyed our cordial relationship and I extend my best wishes as you return to private life.

Respectfully,

Lucien Nedzi

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Member of Congress

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